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Sharon Warren, Project Manager
US Department of the Interior
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement
Alaska OCS Region
3801 Centrepont Drive Suite 500
Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5823

Re: Comments on the Final Supplemental EIS for the Chukchi Sea Planning Area Oil and Gas Lease Sale 193, EPA Project #05-049-MMS.

Dear Ms. Warren:

We have reviewed the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Chukchi Sea Planning Area Oil and Gas Lease Sale 193. Our review was conducted in accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.

Based on our review, we have concluded that our comments and recommendations submitted for the draft supplemental and draft revised supplemental EISs have been adequately addressed and we have no other comments at this time. We especially appreciate the incorporation of an impacts table into the Executive Summary and additional information concerning the role of the Regional Response Team. We also commend the BOEMRE for its extensive public and tribal outreach efforts with the revised supplemental document.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the final EIS. If you have questions about our comments, please contact me at (206) 553-1601 or by electronic mail at Reichgott.christine@epa.gov, or you may contact Jennifer Curtis of my staff in Anchorage at (907) 271-6324 or curtis.jennifer@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christine B. Reichgott".

Christine B. Reichgott, Manager
Environmental Review and Sediment Management Unit